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1. IN DISCUSSION WITH POLOFF JUNE 18, FOUR BINH DINH COUNCILMEN
(TWO DAI VIET AND TWO NHAN XA) EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER SEVERAL
POINTS OF THE PARIS COMMUNIQUE. COUNCILMEN BELIEVE PROVISION
WHICH ACCORDS TWO- PARTY JMC THE ELEVEN POINTS OF PRIVILEGE
AND IMMUNITY AGREED UPON BY THE FPJMC WILL GIVE THE PRG REP-
RESENTATIVES TO THE TPJMC THE RIGHT TO OPERATE (AND PROPAGANDIZE)
ALL OVER GVQF- CONTROLLED AREAS. THE COUNCILMEN SAID THESE
PRIVILEGES WILL WORK TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE PRG, SINCE GVN
REPRESENTATIVES WILL NEVER BE ALLOWED FREE ACCESS TO PRG-
CONTROLLED AREAS. IT WOULD BE BETTER, THEY SAID, IF PRG DELE-
GATES TO TPJMC WERE RESTRICTED TO THEIR TEAM LOCATIONS.

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2. MORE IMPORTANT, THE COUNCILMEN FEAR THAT IMMUNITY FOR PRG REPS WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE PRG POLITICAL CADRE IF AND WHEN GENERAL ELECTIONS ARE AGREED ON. THIS IMMUNITY WOULD BE ONE- SIDED AND DANGEROUS BECAUSE PRG WOULD NEVER ALLOW FREE CAMPAIGNING IN TERRITORY THEY CONTROL. FURTHERMORE, SINCE GVN CONTROLS MAJORITY OF POPULATION, FREEDOM OF EACH SIDE TO CAMPAIGN IN TERRITORY CONTROLLED BY THE OTHER AUTOMATICALLY WORKS TO ADVANTAGE OF COMMUNISTS.

3. REGARDING THE COMMUNIQUE PROVISION THAT OPPOSING COMMANDERS SHOULD MEET TO CARRY OUT PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 4 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT, THE COUNCILMEN BELIEVE PRG WILL USE THESE MEETINGS TO SUPPORT CLAIMS TO TERRITORY THEY DO NOT CONTROL IN FACT. THEY SAID A SINGLE PRG COMMANDER, BY MOVING HIS UNIT AROUND AND DEMANDING MEETINGS IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT PLACES, COULD CREATE IMPRESSION OF BROAD PRG PRESENCE AND CONTROL OF AREAS WHICH IT DOES NOT ACUTALLY CONTROL.

4. COUNCILMEN ALSO SAID THEY RECOGNIZE THAT THE PARIS AGREE-
MENT WAS NOT BEING IMPLEMENTED AND THAT THE KISSINGER- THO TALKS WERE NECESSARY -- AND EVEN MORE TALKS WOULD BE NECESSARY IN FUTURE -- BUT THEY LAMENTED THAT EACH ROUND OF TALKS BRINGS ANOTHER US- INSPIRED CONCESSION BY THE GVN TO THE COMMUNIST S. THE COUNCILMEN IDEALLY WOULD PREFER THAT COMMUNISTS FADE AWAY TO THEIR OWN AREAS AND LEAVE THE GVN AREAS TO THE NATIONALISTS.
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